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FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF TWO OCTOBER 6 LETTERS FROM
EGYPTIAN FOM MIN ZAYYAT AND SYRIAN PERM REP KELANI
TO PRESIDENT'S OF GA AND SC, RESPECTIVELY, ON
CURRENT ME CONFLICT.

QUOTE THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1973 FROM THE MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF EGYPT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEM-
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I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BRING TO YOUR URGENT ATTENTION THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT :

1. AT 6:30 HOURS AM (NEW YORK TIME) TODAY, SATURDAY , 6
OCTOBER 1973, ISRAELI AIR FORMATIONS ATTACKED EGYPTIAN
FORCES STATIONED IN THE AREAS OF EL ZAAFARANA AND EL SUKHNA
ON THE GULF OF SUEZ, WHILE ISRAELI NAVAL UNITS WERE APPROACHING
THE WESTERN COAST OF THE GULF OF SUEZ FROM THE EGYPTIAN
TERRITORY OF SINAI OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL AS RESULT OF THE WAR

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IN LAUNCHED ON 5 JUNE 1967.

2. EGYPTIAN FORCES ARE AT PRESENT ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ISRAELI FORCES OF AGGRESSION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
3. ISREAL HAS PREPARED FOR THIS LATEST ACT OF AGGRESSION BY ITS MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST SYRIA ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1973. THIS HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY ISRAELI MILITARY MOVEMENTS ALL ALONG SYRIAN AND LEBANESE LINES.
4. THE AGGRESSION LAUNCHED TODAY ALONG THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS IS A CONTINUATION OF ISRAEL'S POLICY OF ANNEXATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF ITS OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES BEGINNING WITH JERUSALEM AND ITS INSISTENCE ON THE HUMILIATION OF THE ARAB PEOPLE AND THE BREAKING OF THEIR WILL.
5. SINCE ITS AGRESSION OF JUNE 1967 , AND PARTICULARLY SINCE THE CESASE-FIRE OF AUGUST 1970, ISRAEL HAS BEEN PRACTISING A POLICY OF SYSTEMATIC DEFIANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. THIS POLICY HAS BEEN COUPLED BY ANOTHER POLICY SEEKING TO PERPETUATE ITS OCCUPATION OF THE ARAB TERRITORIES AND TO ABORT AND FRUSTRATE ALL PEACE EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES AIMED AT CARRYING OUT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 (1967) AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF 8 FEBRUARY 1971. (1)
6. ALL PEACE FORCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAVE CONDEMNED THESE ISRAELI POLICIES OF AGRESSION AND TERRITORIAL EXPANSION. THIS HAS BEEN EXPRESSED CLEARLY BY THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS OF AFRICAN UNITY AND BY THE CONFERENCES OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. ISRAEL'S POLICY HAS BEEN EQUALLY REJECTED BY THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE VOTING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN JULY 1973.
7. EGYPT , EXERCISING ITS LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE, CALLS UPON ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES TO PUT ALL THEIR WEIGHT TO HELP PUT AN END TO THE ISRAELI CONTINUED ACTS OF AGGRESSION.

AS IT IS APPARENTLY NOT POSSIBLE TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY, I REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY TO URGENTLY CAUSE THIS STATEMENT TO BE CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(SIGNED) MOHAMED HASSAN EL-ZAYYAT
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF EGYPT
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LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1973 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BRING

TO YOUR URGENT ATTENTION THAT DURING THE AFTERNOON (SYRIAN
LOCAL TIME) OF 6 OCTOBER (TODAY) , THE ISRAELI ARMED FORCES
HAVE LAUNCHED MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST SYRIAN FORWARD POSITIONS
ALL ALONG THE CEASE-FIRE LINE. OUR FORCES HAD TO RETURN THE FIRE.
FORMATIONS OF ISRAELI AIRCRAFT TOOK PART IN THIS AGGRESSION AND
PENETRATED OUR AIR SPACE IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT,
THUS LEADING TO THEIR CONFRONTATION BY OUR AIR FORCE. THE
BATTLE IS STILL RAGING IN LAND AND IN AIR IN SUCH DIMENSION
AS TO REVEAL THE ISRAELI INTENTION OF WAGING A TOTAL WAR.

WHILE INFORMING YOU, EXCELLENCY, ABOUT THESE EVENTS
OF THE MOST GRAVE NATURE, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST YOU TO BE KIND
ENOUGH TO CIRCULATE THIS LETTER AMONG MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT.

(SIGNED) HASSAM KELANI
AMBASSADOR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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